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(SIE-1: Current Soviet Activities with Particular Reference to the Far East.)

SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE: *S.I.E.* ~~THE SCOPE AND NATURE OF~~
~~SOVIET MILITARY PREPARATIONS IN THE FAR EAST~~

THE PROBLEM

examine
To ~~determine~~ the scope and nature of Soviet ~~military preparations in the~~
~~Far East~~ during the past *three* months and to estimate the *probable purposes* of such
~~preparations.~~ *activities with particular reference to the Far East.*

QUESTIONS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

activities
I. WHAT SOVIET ~~MILITARY PREPARATIONS~~ HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE FAR EAST DURING
THE LAST *three* MONTHS AND WHERE HAVE THESE BEEN MOST PRONOUNCED?

A. ~~Ground~~ MILITARY (*ground, sea, air*)

- 1* 1. Changes in training (~~Ground, sea, and air~~)
- 3* 2. Changes in equipment (~~Ground, sea, and air~~)
- 4* 3. Changes in morale (~~Ground, sea, and air~~)
- 5* 4. Changes in leadership (~~Ground, sea, and air~~)
- 6* 5. Changes in logistical support (~~Ground, sea, and air~~)
- 7* 6. Changes in deployment (~~Ground, sea, and air~~)

B. *Sea* Changes in strength, organization, - *or composition*

1. Changes in training (~~Ground, sea, and air~~)
2. Changes in equipment (~~Ground, sea, and air~~)
3. Changes in morale (~~Ground, sea, and air~~)
4. Changes in leadership (~~Ground, sea, and air~~)
5. Changes in logistical support (~~Ground, sea, and air~~)
6. Changes in deployment (~~Ground, sea, and air~~)

C. Air

1. Changes in training (~~Ground, sea, and air~~)

B. *Political*

C. *Economic*

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2. ~~Changes in equipment (Ground, sea, and air)~~
3. ~~Changes in morale (Ground, sea, and air)~~
4. ~~Changes in leadership (Ground, sea, and air)~~
5. ~~Changes in logistical support (Ground, sea, and air)~~
6. ~~Changes in deployment (Ground, sea, and air)~~

*D. Political
E. Economic*

II. WHAT ~~INCREASE~~ ^{Organization or Composition} INCREASE (OR DECREASE) IN SOVIET MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND STRENGTH IN THE FAR EAST IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE OCCURRED OVER THE PAST ~~SIX~~ ^{Three} MONTHS?

- A. Present ground activity and strength and ~~percentage of~~ change in both
- B. Present sea activity and strength and ~~percentage of~~ change in both
- C. Present air activity and strength and ~~percentage of~~ change in both

II ~~III~~ TO WHAT EXTENT HAVE ^{THESE} ~~CHANGES~~ ^{and Chinese Communist} AFFECTED SOVIET ~~OFFENSIVE~~ CAPABILITIES: ~~AGAINST~~

A. (1) United Nations Forces in Korea

B. (2) United States Forces in Japan, Ryuku Islands, Alaska, and the continental U. S.

C. (3) Taiwan and southeast Asia.

IV ~~TO WHAT EXTENT HAVE CHANGES AFFECTED SOVIET DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES?~~

B. DEFENSIVELY ^{Comparable} ~~CHANGES~~ ^{and/or satellite military Political} IN SOVIET MILITARY CAPABILITIES OR POTENTIAL

III ~~HAVE THERE BEEN ANY CHANGES IN SOVIET MILITARY CAPABILITIES OR POTENTIAL~~ ^{or economic developments elsewhere} ATTITUDE IN EUROPE OR THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH MIGHT INDICATE SOVIET INTENTIONS, particularly IN THE FAR EAST?

VI ~~ARE THE CHANGED SOVIET MILITARY CAPABILITIES IN THE FAR EAST RELATED TO THE THE JAPANESE PEACE TREATY, JAPANESE REARMAMENT, OR THE PENDING COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, OR OTHER AREAS OF SOVIET INTEREST?~~

V ~~WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE IN TERMS OF SOVIET INTENTIONS OF THEIR CHANGED MILITARY CAPABILITIES?~~ ^{probable purposes of these developments?} *all*

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